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A DISPATCH, of which the following is a Copy, was this Morning received from Lieutenant-General Sir Ralph Abercromby, K. B. at the Office of the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Head-Quarters, Schager Brug,

SIR, *September* 11, 1799.

HAVING fully considered the Position which the British Troops had occupied on the 1st Instant, and having in View the Certainty of speedy and powerful Reinforcements, I determined to remain until then on the defensive.

From the Information which we had received, we were apprized of the Enemy's Intention to attack us, and we were daily improving the Advantages of our Situation.

Yesterday Morning at Daybreak the Enemy commenced an Attack on our Centre and Right, from Saint Martin's to Petten, in Three Columns, and apparently with their whole Force.

The Column on the Right, composed of Dutch Troops, and under the Command of General Dandaels, directed its Attack on the Village of Saint Martin's.

The Centre Column of the Enemy, under the Orders of General de Monceau, likewise composed of Dutch Troops, marched on to Crabbendam and Zyper Sluys.

The Left Column of the Enemy, composed of French, directed itself on the Position occupied by Major-General Burrard, commanding the Second Brigade of Guards.

The Enemy advanced, particularly on their Left and Centre, with great Intrepidity, and penetrated with the Heads of their Columns to within a Hundred Yards of the Post occupied by the British Troops. They were, however, everywhere repulsed, owing to the Strength of our Position, and the determined Courage of the Troops. About Ten o'Clock the Enemy retired towards Alkmaar, leaving behind them many dead and some wounded Men, with One Piece of Cannon, a Number of Waggons, Pontoons, and portable Bridges. Colonel M'Donald with the Reserve pursued them for some Time and quickened their Retreat.

It is impossible for me to do full Justice to the good Conduct of the Troops.

Colonel Spencer, who commanded in the Village of St. Martin's, defended his Post with great Spirit and Judgment.

Major-General Moore, who commanded on his Right, and who was wounded, though I am happy to say slightly, was no less judicious in the Management of the Troops under his Command.

The Two Battalions of the 20th Regiment, poſted oppoſite to Crabbendam and Zyper Sluys did Credit to the high Reputation which that Regiment has always borne. Lieutenant-Colonel Smyth of that Corps, who had the particular Charge of that Poſt, received a ſevere Wound in his Leg, which will deprive us for a Time of his Services.

The Two Brigades of Guards repulſed with great Vigour the Column of French which had advanced to attack them, and where the Slaughter of the Enemy was great.

I continue to receive every Mark of Zeal and Intelligence from the Officers compoſing the Staff of this Army.

It is difficult to ſtate with any Preciſion the Loſs of the Enemy, but it cannot be computed at leſs than Eight Hundred or One Thouſand Men; and on our Side it does not exceed, in killed, wounded, and miſſing, Two Hundred Men. Exact Returns ſhall be tranſmitted herewith.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

Right Hon. Henry Dundas,
&c. &c. &c.

Head-Quarters, Schager Brug,
September 11, 1799.

Return of Killed, Wounded, and Miſſing of His Majeſty's Forces under the Command of General Sir Ralph Abercromby, K. B. in the Action of the Zyp, on the 10th September 1799.

Royal Artillery.—3 Rank and File killed; 1 Serjeant, 6 Rank and File wounded.

Grenadier Battalion of Guards.—6 Rank and File killed; 1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, 13 Rank and File wounded.

3d Battalion of the 1ſt Regiment of Guards.—5 Rank and File wounded.

1ſt Battalion of Coldſtream Ditto.—1 Rank and File killed; 8 Rank and File wounded.

1ſt Battalion of the 3d Regiment of Ditto.—2 Rank and File killed; 1 Captain, 3 Rank and File wounded.

85th Regiment of Foot.—1 Rank and File killed; 3 Rank and File wounded.

2d Battalion of Royals.—1 Subaltern, 3 Rank and File wounded.

92d Regiment of Foot.—1 Rank and File killed; 1 Captain, 3 Rank and File wounded.

1ſt Battalion of the 17th Ditto.—2 Rank and File killed.

2d Battalion of Ditto.—2 Rank and File killed; 18 Rank and File wounded.

1ſt Battalion of the 46th Ditto.—1 Rank and File killed; 10 Rank and File wounded.

1ſt Battalion of the 20th Ditto.—14 Rank and File killed; 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 1 Major, 4 Subalterns, 25 Rank and File wounded; 14 Rank and File miſſing.

2d Battalion of Ditto.—4 Rank and File killed; 1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, 34 Rank and File wounded; 1 Serjeant, 4 Rank and File miſſing.

Total.—37 Rank and File killed; 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 1 Major, 4 Captains, 5 Subalterns, 2 Serjeants, 131 Rank and File wounded; 1 Serjeant, 18 Rank and File miſſing.

Return of Officers wounded.

Major-General Moore.

Captain Halket, of the 76th Regiment, Aid-de-Camp to Commander in Chief.

Lieutenant Simpſon, of the Royal Artillery.

Captain Nevill, of the Grenadier Battalion of Guards.

Captain Nevill, of the 1ſt Battalion of the 3d Regiment of Guards.

Lieutenant Gordon, of the 2d Battalion of the Royals.

Captain the Honorable John Ramſay, of the 92d Regiment of Foot.

Lieutenant-Colonel George Smith, Major Robert Roſs, Lieutenants John Colborne, Charles Dervoeux, Chriſtopher Hamilton, Lieutenant and Adjutant Samuel South, of the 1ſt Battalion of the 20th Regiment of Foot.

Captain-Lieutenant L. Ferdinand Adams, of the 2d Battalion of the 20th Regiment of Foot.

ALEX. HOPE,
Aſſiſtant Adjutant General.

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